

Film department wants more resources

By Shauna Trudelle
Staff Reporter

The Film Studies Department at Keene State College has nearly 100 majors and only three full-time staff.

According to Larry Benaquist, professor and director of film studies, there are programs at KSC that are not being used to their full potential. If there were a program that is increasing in attention and students, then it would make sense to strengthen that program, said Benaquist.

The school is said to follow a business model but if it is not expanding programs that are so successful and to not need to recruit students then it would seem they are not following the model, Benaquist said.

"We are not trying to take anything away from other programs. We merely ask for

what we need," said Benaquist. A space analysis was done two years ago, according to Benaquist. It said that KSC needed more space for communication, film studies, and art/graphic design departments.

The expert who came to the college showed KSC what the necessary changes were and left the rest up to the administration to follow through, said Benaquist.

The film studies major has only a little over two thousand square feet and that is a problem, according to Benaquist.

"We merely ask for what we need," Benaquist said. "I have come to the realization that the money is not there, and I don't know where it is going to come from," said Cook.

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external reviewers that said the program has strengths in the knowledge it provides for its students.

However, it also said that it needs improvement in the next three to seven years. It stated that the need for more professors is very high. It also said that if equipment is being damaged while in storage then there is clearly a need for more space.

"The program is stretched beyond its capacity, and in need of additional resources if it is to maintain its current enrollment level," said the program reviewers.

Tom Cook, assistant professor of film productions, said KSC is very supportive in giving one time funds for purchasing equipment to the film studies department.

Cook started here in 1994 and the equipment

ment and the program was way under where it is at today, he said. There have been many improvements according to Cook.

Cook said the department was given significant funds for high end digital editing equipment last year. They were also given space in Joslin to keep the equipment there and store it.

The professors are also able to teach in that new space, he said.

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the student center where the groups will show videos and hand out literature.

Perkins said that the activities in the student center are to be followed by a rally and speak-out at the Traffic Circle in downtown Keene around 11 a.m., where any individual may express his or her opinion on the current situation.

He said the rest of the day is to be filled with smaller events involving academics and other activists, culminating in a panel discussion in the Mabel Brown Room at 9 p.m.

Perkins said he has received a generally positive response from administrators and faculty regarding the event.

"They seem pretty open to our right of free speech and our allowance to do this," he said.

Corinne Kowpach, vice president of student affairs, said both the college and the student center will "support students' rights to free speech as long as their actions don't affect the administrative or academic operations of the college."

She noted that the event could be a very beneficial and educational opportunity for students, administrators and faculty regarding current events.

"We all need a lot of information to make sense of this," she said.

Business management professor Stephen

Blodgett said.

Many students realize that while taking out student loans as a necessity, the majority say that they are scared it will take a long time before they are debt free from their education.

"I need student loans to pay for school, but I'm nervous about paying them back in the future," said Jamie Brocato, a junior.

"I am just not looking forward to spending a lifetime with these loans," said Brocato.

While some students find themselves nervous about taking out student loans, still others see loans as a positive means of paying for school.

"I feel that student loans, for the most part, are a great thing," said Jen Page, a freshman.

"They help to ease the burden of college tuition, which is very helpful."

Blodgett points out there are various types of financial aid and student loans that students can receive. There are differences in payment type, and the duration of the loan.

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Michigan University, earning her BA in theatre and communication from the same institution. She also received a doctorate in performance studies from Southern Illinois University.

Frenzied and nonobjective American media coverage following Sept. 11 made Farah greatly disgruntled. Journalists' biased tactics and lazy ways forced her to holster an aversion to our news, leading her to cancel her subscription to The New York Times, which she said, "is most guilty."

She offered a list of credible sources to get news from, including: The Guardian, The Daily Star, and WorldNewspapers.com.

She especially warned of

papers that depend on wire services like the Associated Press and Reuters. Even The New York Times relies on wire services for international stories. One of the only papers in America that doesn't is The Christian Science Monitor.

"CNN, CBS, NBC, and FOX operation blah, blah, blah," she said.

Not to say that she's on the terrorist's side. She called Saddam Hussein "a butcher [who] needs to be removed." And on Sept. 11, she "feared for [her] sister's life like never before," but also prayed, "don't let it be anybody who looks like my brother."

She said that if given the

chance, she wouldn't subject who she considers wrongful to death, instead she'd keep them strapped into chairs with their eyelids pried open to view endless footage of atrocities, ala "A Clockwork Orange."

Her father informed her to "get a lawyer," which she did. But, in a country where the president's approval rating has plummeted due to his persistence to go to war, one must wonder how controversial her views really are.

One audience member asked, "Is all that has happened reversible?"

In short, "No...what's already on the book is on the books," she said.

King said he is pleased to see students acting on the issue, regardless of their position on it.

"It's important that we allow people to gather information, think about the issues, and come to their own conclusions," he said.

As for any punitive actions he would take against students, who either skipped or walked out of class to participate in the protest, King said he would probably overlook it provided it was a one day thing.

"If students are going to leave class, and rally someplace on campus, and listen to the issues, I think that may be a worthwhile activity," he said.

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Students give their professors ratings at controversial Web site

By Angela Watson
Staff Reporter

Have you ever wished there was a Web site where you could check out what other students think about your potential professors, and rate your current professors?

That site would be RateMyProfessors.com and it was created by John Swapcinski.

Students from all over the country and Canada can log onto the site and give their professors ratings of one to five. So far, approximately 55 professors have been rated on the site for Keene State.

"I went to this site for my first time today, and it was pretty cool. I enjoyed seeing some of my previous professors on there, and how other students rated them," said Amanda Freeman, a sophomore.

Other students liked the idea of seeing what others have rated professors, as well as the ability to rate their own. A few said they liked it and thought it was "cool."

But not all students agree with Freeman.

"I don't think it would be useful to me because I think too many people would post things in anger as opposed to people going on and posting good things about professors," said

Michael Luntta, a senior.

One feature, that most students liked, was the accessibility of the Web site.

"People usually go around asking about different professors anyway. This just makes it more accessible," said Gregory Jilewski, a junior.

Students had mixed feelings about using a chili pepper as a rating tool.

"I don't like the idea of the rating if they are hot or not. I don't think that it is good for professor-student relations," said Jilewski.

Other students picked some of the features that they liked.

"It's a good idea, especially with the comment part. If you don't like to write a lot of papers, or have trouble taking multiple choice or essay exams, you can look at the comments and see what professors use," said Brooke Quigley, a freshman.

"Also, I think it's great that I can go on and actually voice my opinion of my teachers and not get in trouble for it," said Freeman.

And though students seem to

be interested in using the Web site for selecting their professors, others are concerned about accuracy.

"Honesty is important, and I've had my fair share of bad teachers. Hopefully the Dean or someone will check out this site and maybe evaluate the professors with poor ratings," said Freeman.

Students also questioned if the site should be taken seriously when looking at the ratings.

"It would be fun to look at, though it may not be too credible," said Luntta.

Professors also had mixed feelings about the site. Some thought that it may have some positive aspects while others had concerns about how the rating system works.

"My major issue with the site is that there are no checks and balances to assure that users (a) 'vote' only once, and/or (b) are rating with reliability. That is, there is nothing to keep someone from logging on and voting a zillion times negatively or positively to either take out a grudge or play favorites," said

Tom Cook, a professor in the film department.

Cook compared the Web site with the feedback that users can leave on eBay.

"With this teacher rating site, anyone can log on and say anything about anybody, and you can't tell if the user is sincere, informed, carrying out a vendetta," said Cook.

Swapcinski claimed that the Web site is becoming more secure in order to prevent less than accurate ratings.

"I have been adding some new, hidden safeguards to cut down on the number of duplicate ratings for a professor," Swapcinski said.

Professors also made suggestions about how to make the process better for rating professors at the site.

"A better solution would be for KSC students to put together a publication, circulate forms to all KSC students and publish locally," said Derrick Fay of the sociology department.

"This would keep control of the data at KSC and is a model widely used at other schools," Swapcinski said.

Professors were concerned with the ratings, especially the number of negative ratings.

"I expect many of us will be pained by the idea and, perhaps, the actuality of negative ratings," said Wes Martin, of the political science department.

But, some professors pointed out that the site is similar to the evaluations students fill out at the end of each semester.

Names in the News

By MURRAY DUBIN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CAPPUCCINO BABES of the world get naked.

Playboy Magazine plans to do a picture spread on the "Women of Starbucks," and is asking latte-makers from its more than 6,200 coffee shops worldwide to send in photos.

Playboy's Theresa Hennessey said: "Starbucks is such a big part of American pop culture, and Playboy is always trying to stay on top of the latest trend, so it seemed like a natural fit...."

Starbucks has not warmed to the idea of the joining of these two cultural colossi, saying that it does not endorse the nude-coffee-makers issue.

Playboy's pic deadline is April 1, and the issue, featuring 10 to 15 women, should come out late this year.

D'OH, IT'S J.K. ROWLING
Ah, forget about Playboy and Starbucks. Now "this is really about bigshots getting together. J.K. Rowling, author of the "Harry Potter" books, will make a guest appearance later this year on "The Simpsons."

Rowling lent her voice to the animated comedy show in an episode that probably will be broadcast in November or December. Another guest in the episode will be actor Ian McKellen, said Fox publicist Antonia Coffman.

The Simpson family meets Rowling and McKellen on a trip to London, and Rowling fumes when young Lisa Simpson pesters her for details about how the "Harry Potter" books will end.

Worldwide sales of the first four books top 190 million copies. The fifth one, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," is set for bookstores June 21.

IRAQ WAR: YES AND NO
Enough of the Martin Sheen and Susan Sarandon antiwar chatter. Actor and former Republican Sen. Fred Thompson decided it was time for someone from the other side to speak up.

"Thank goodness, we have a president with the courage to protect our country," Thompson says in a 30-second TV commercial supporting President Bush's Iraq policy. The ad may begin airing Monday in Washington and New York.

Thompson, who retired from the Senate last year, plays a district attorney on NBC's "Law & Order."

He said: "The President is pursuing the right policy.... It's something I feel rather strongly about and it seems like so much publicity, so many ads, are being taken out attacking the President, attacking the policy."

Actors against the war gained a new voice this week when Egyptian-born actor Omar Sharif, 69, said:

"The Islamic world is in danger of becoming completely radicalized. You're going to encourage a war of religion, East against West and Muslims against Christians, the Crusades. You're going to create more terrorists with this than ever you can imagine."

LETTERMAN: IT'S SHINGLES
Does said the eye infection that kept David Letterman from hosting his "Late Show" this week was due to shingles.

The condition, a viral infection of the nerve roots, is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox.

Louis J. Aronne, an internist at New York Presbyterian Hospital, said Thursday, "It has been treated and the area of inflammation has gone down significantly. Dave is on his way to a full recovery."

Bruce Willis was the emergency guest host Wednesday night, and John McEnroe quipped behind Letterman's desk Thursday. Next week, reruns.

Bush aims to soothe Americans' war worries

By Ron Hitchens
Knight Ridder Newspapers

President Bush is stepping up his efforts to rally Americans for war with Iraq as polls continue to show deep misgivings about the prospect of military action.

As part of his outreach to the public, Bush will meet Monday with reporters from 14 regional newspapers. White House aides also are looking at the possibility of a formal prime-time news conference and a speech to the nation explaining his decision to go to war, should it come to that.

Although White House officials declined to discuss Bush's timeline, an invasion order could come as soon as the week of March 10, after the United Nations Security Council votes on a war resolution. U.N. weapons inspectors are set to deliver their latest progress report to the council on Friday (Mar. 7), in advance of the council's war vote.

Bush has repeatedly said that he is prepared to go to war, with or without U.N. support.

Polls indicate that most Americans do not share Bush's determination to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. Although a solid majority of nearly 60 percent say they favor military action, support turns to opposition if the United States has to act without U.N. support.

The war majority also evaporates at the mention of significant U.S. casualties.

"They're not gung-ho," New York pollster John Zogby said. "The president still has to answer, why now, and does this make things better or does this make things worse."

Despite Bush's public disdain for polls, he and his advisers are keeping close watch on the national mood in the final countdown to war.

During a recent trip on Air Force

One, a senior administration official ticked off the results of more than a dozen war polls, then compared Bush's popularity with that of Ronald Reagan's and Bill Clinton's at the same point in their presidencies.

"But we don't pay attention to the polls," the official joked, after declaring that "White House policy" prohibited any on-the-record poll analysis.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said he is confident that Bush can count on public support if he sends U.S. troops into action.

"The country has become prepared for that eventuality as a result of the many public statements the president has made," Fleischer said. "It's always important in our country to talk to the public about the possibility of war. The president has been doing that and will continue to do that."

Bush has no plans to deliver a war-rally speech before a joint session of Congress, since he already outlined the case against Iraq in his State of the Union address in January. White House aides also have all but ruled out a speech from the Oval Office because Bush is not comfortable with the formality of that setting.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush is likely to follow the pattern he set in the run-up to the fall 2001 invasion of Afghanistan. After weeks of warnings to Afghanistan's Taliban regime, Bush announced the invasion on Oct. 7, 2001, in a speech from the White House treaty room.

In the days before the Afghanistan invasion, Bush highlighted U.S. humanitarian plans for Afghanistan and warned the Taliban that "time is running out." Substitute "Iraq" for "Afghanistan," and "Saddam" for "the Taliban," and Bush's comments then and now are virtually interchangeable.

When Bush talks about Iraq, his choice of words increasingly signals that war is a foregone conclusion, a matter of "when," not "if."

"Rebuilding Iraq will require a sustained commitment from many nations, including our own," he said in



A woman expresses her opinion of the possible war with Iraq.

Saturday's weekly radio address, already looking beyond the war. "We will remain in Iraq as long as necessary, and not a day more."

U.S. begins interrogation of al-Qaida, Sept. 11 mastermind

By Frank Davies
Knight Ridder Newspapers

U.S. officials Sunday began the interrogation of the self-described mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, and a congressman who oversees intelligence said the capture of the al-Qaida leader would help prevent future terrorism.

The capture of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed in Pakistan is "just a huge event, and we are all safer and better off because of this," said Rep. Porter Goss, House Intelligence Committee chairman and a former CIA agent.

In the world of intelligence, "this was like the liberation of Paris in World War II," he added.

Goss said that U.S. agents were "working feverishly" to analyze computer data and other documents seized with Mohammed. He predicted the capture of al-Qaida's operational planner "is going to lead to other successful activities very soon."

Goss also said the capture and interrogation of Mohammed "increased the chances" of tracking down Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader. Goss, a Florida Republican, said he believes that Mohammed has been in contact with bin Laden.

The CIA, FBI and the White House said little publicly about the case, except that Mohammed, a 37-year-old Kuwaiti, was in U.S. custody.

There was confusion about where he was being held. A spokesman for Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said that Mohammed was still in Pakistan, interrogated by U.S. and Pakistani agents.

One congressional staffer close to the case said Mohammed had been taken out of Pakistan and is under U.S. control. That's what happened to two other al-Qaida leaders, Abu Zubaida and Ramzi bin al-Shibh, who were captured in Pakistan in the past year.

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Fired USF professor will seek to get job back

By Scott Powers
The Orlando Sentinel

Sami Amin Al-Arian, accused of aiding Palestinian terrorists, intends to fight to get his job back as a University of South Florida professor but probably only if he is cleared of criminal charges.

Al-Arian's civil attorney Robert McKee said Thursday that Al-Arian instructed him to file a grievance with the University of South Florida, charging that the school wrongly fired him the day before. He will seek reinstatement.

But McKee said any attempt to help Al-Arian get his job back will likely "take a back seat" to the former computer-science professor's defense against a 50-count federal indictment. That indictment charges him with helping finance and run terrorist activities in Israel.

Al-Arian, 45, of Temple Terrace, Fla., and three others were arrested Feb. 20 on those charges. In a 121-page indictment, the U.S. Justice Department says they helped finance and run the Palestine Islamic Jihad, also known as the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. The indictment links that organization to 100 killings in Israel, includ-



Sami Amin Al-Arian was accused of giving money to terror groups.

ing those of two Americans.

Four other suspects also were indicted and remain at large. Al-Arian and two others are being held in jail in Tampa, with no bail set.

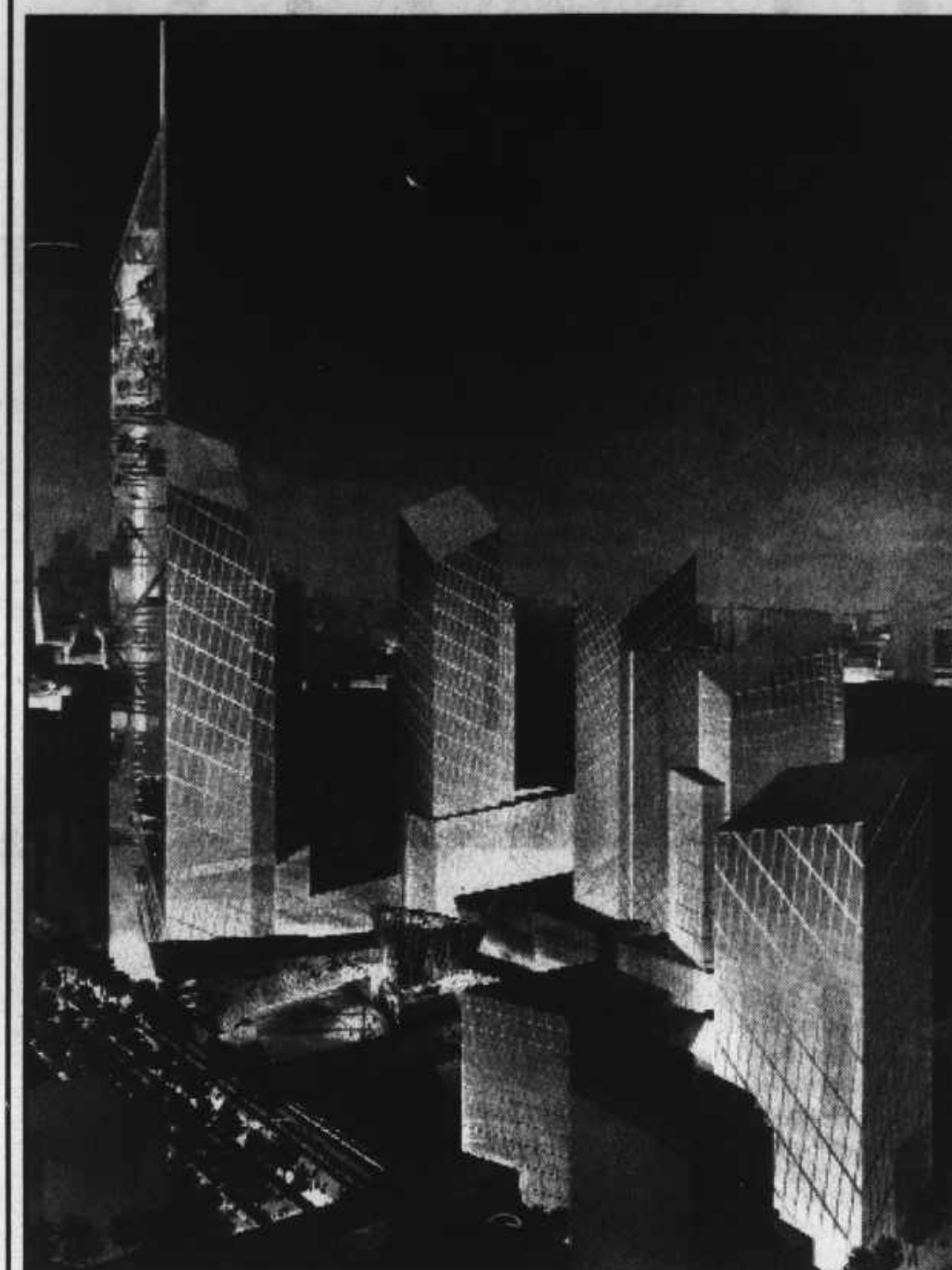
U.S. District Judge Mark Pizzo postponed a bail hearing until March 24 because of the complexity of the case.

Insisting nothing has been proven, McKee said the university should have given him an unpaid leave of absence until the criminal charges are resolved.

"Obviously, if he is convicted of any of these very serious criminal charges, the employment matter becomes moot, so there is no downside for the university."

Attorney Robert McKee

New design for World Trade Center



Architect Daniel Libeskind's design for the World Trade Center site is shown at a news conference last Thursday. With the selection of Libeskind's design, New York will now go into the planning phase of the project before construction begins. No date has been set for the ground-breaking.

By J. Patrick Coolican
The Seattle Times

Some college kids go to poetry readings in bohemian coffeehouses. Given a chance, others will shoot guns at a firing range, the Bellevue, Wash.-based Second Amendment Foundation believes.

The gun-rights group and a sister organization started a pilot program last week called "Freedom Shoot," bringing together about 25 college students, most of them University of Washington College Republicans, and National Rifle Association-certified trainers at Wade's Eastside Gun Shop in Bellevue.

The foundation hopes to enroll the program nationally to get college kids into firing ranges to learn about gun safety and gun rights. Gun-control advocates have doubts about the group's motives, however.

The day began at Second Amendment Foundation offices

in Bellevue, whose walls are adorned with prints of guns, John Wayne and rifle-toting cowboys. NRA trainer Phil Murray of Woodinville told the students his shortest course in gun safety is usually four hours, though last week's was closer to 25 minutes.

He said the three important rules of gun safety, in order of importance, are to point the gun in a safe direction, keep your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot, and to not load the gun until you're ready to fire.

The last rule, he added, carries an exception. "If you keep one in your home for self-defense, then it's fine to keep it loaded."

"An unloaded firearm is a paperweight," he said. Once at the range, the students scooped up ear and eye protection atop a glass case in which an array of guns were displayed. Each student received one-on-one attention from NRA-certified instructors.

Alanya Riggi is a sophomore

at UW who hadn't shot a gun before last week. She'll be coming back, she said.

"I love the revolver because you feel like you're in a Western," she said of the .22-caliber handgun. Her target, which bore her signature, was ripped apart with bullet holes.

Jason Chambers, who's been shooting his whole life, had six of eight holes in the bull's-eye part of his target. Over the roar of 9 mm gun blasts, he said he didn't think much of gun control.

One gun-control advocate said the event was more about recruiting political foot soldiers than safety. "I would assume this is absolutely not about education; I think it's a political agenda they're pursuing and not a safety agenda," said Laura Lockard, executive director of Washington CeaseFire.

Though he conceded the College Republicans' participation gave the event certain political overtones, Joe Waldron, one of the organizers,

said the primary purpose was to teach gun safety to young people who are otherwise ignorant about it.

Lockard said loaded weapons are dangerous and should have to be secured when stored in a home.

"That's exactly what's killing our kids - loaded weapons in the home," she said. "Storage requirements have to be based on that person's particular set of circumstances," Waldron replied, adding, "We put our time and effort on the line as gun-safety teachers; I don't know anyone at CeaseFire who does that."

Since 1997, Wade's has been the site of two accidental shootings, one of them fatal, and three suicides involving guns.

Store manager John Clarke said the store no longer allows

Pressure mounts on Turkey to reconsider U.S. base plan

By Sudarsan Raghavan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Pressure grew on the Turkish government Monday to try again to seek permission for thousands of U.S. troops to enter Turkey on their way to invading Iraq.

The politically weakened ruling Justice and Development Party remained split on whether to ask parliament to vote a second time to host American troops. Legislators rejected such a plan by three votes Saturday. The decision could force the Pentagon to revise its war plans and delay an invasion of Iraq.

The first signs that Turkey could pay a heavy price for defying the United States came Monday, as its stock market plunged more than 10 percent despite assurances from senior government officials that the country was on track with reforms required by the International Monetary Fund.

The national currency, the lira, tumbled 5 percent, and the threat of higher interest rates loomed.

Turkey is emerging from its worst recession since World War II. The parliamentary rejection put at risk a potential \$30 billion U.S. aid package designed to cushion any finan-

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Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis

cial shock from a war in neighboring Iraq and lessen Turkey's debt.

Cabinet ministers worked late into Monday night to try to assess what parliament didn't approve the measure to allow U.S. troops to use Turkish bases to invade Iraq.

"A decision will be made after the evaluations end. And I don't know when the evaluation will end," Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis said Monday.

Kuwait said it would accept some of the 62,000 American troops lined up to go to Turkey if Turkey would not. "Turkey is reviewing its options for what they will or will not be able to do, and we are evaluating our options and our alternatives," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said in Washington. "No matter what course Turkey selects, if the president authorizes the use of force, no matter which route it

takes, there's no doubt it will lead to a successful military outcome."

Turkey is the preferred option. A northern front could force Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to divide his forces, could shorten a war and could lessen American casualties.

The Pentagon hasn't announced any plans to redirect a flotilla of U.S. ships carrying equipment that are floating off the Turkish coast.

Rejection by Turkey, a secular Muslim nation, could deal a blow to the Bush administration's argument that it has wide international backing for a war on Iraq.

Turkey also has a lot to lose. It stands to be sidelined in any plans for a postwar Iraq. It could have less clout in preventing the rise of an independent Kurdish nation that could spark a quest for self-determination among Turkey's own restive Kurdish minority.

But perhaps the biggest issue at stake is that Ankara could be deprived of Washington's financial aid and support for Turkey's application to join the European Union.

Investors are concerned that an approaching war in Iraq and souring Turkish-American relations would shatter Turkey's frail economy, and they are counting on the financial package tied to a U.S. deployment.

University of Washington group gets a lesson in shooting



University of Washington students get to lock and load.

ings, one of them fatal, and three suicides involving guns.

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Black universities struggle to stay afloat

By Ruby Bailey
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The federal government knew it had a mess on its hands at the end of the Civil War - 4 million emancipated slaves, few of them educated enough to earn a living.

So the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands used confiscated Confederate land and \$400,000 to found schools for blacks, whose education was illegal in the antebellum South.

Many of those schools, public and private institutions known today as Historically Black Colleges and Universities, have been struggling ever since.

Today, some of the 103 schools face the worst crises in their history. Fifteen percent are on warning or probation status with accreditation agencies. Many can barely meet their payroll.

Two, Morris Brown College

in Atlanta and Mary Holmes College in West Point, Miss., have lost their accreditation. Grambling State University in Grambling, La., is on probation after auditors couldn't make sense of its accounting records.

The problems threaten to drive away students, scare off donors and close some smaller colleges - all at a time when two University of Michigan affirmative action cases before the Supreme Court have made the education of black students a subject of national attention.

Scattered mostly throughout the South from Texas to Florida, historically black schools helped educate much of the nation's black middle class. Thirty percent of blacks who hold doctorates earned them from black colleges, as did 35 percent of African-American lawyers, 50 percent of black engineers and 65 percent of black physicians.

Such schools also "remain the cultural repository for African-American history,"

said M. Christopher Brown, a professor and researcher at the Center for the Study of Higher Education at Pennsylvania State University.

Desegregation opened the doors for blacks to attend traditionally white schools, but in the process sapped the historically black schools of some of the brightest African-American students and professors. The schools receive federal aid to help them cope; the Bush administration has proposed a 5 percent funding increase - to \$224 million - for historically black colleges in the 2004 federal budget.

The money will help the schools. But if the University of Michigan loses in court, more blacks are likely to seek out black institutions, experts said.

The concern is that the stronger ones may not be able to absorb them all. And the weaker schools, those that say they aim to help poorer students and that admit students less likely to be accepted elsewhere,

may not be around.

"The tragedy is, here you've got Bush trying to cut back affirmative action, which is going to drop black enrollment at white institutions, and at the same time black schools are struggling," said Emil Thomas, 46, a graduate of Bishop College in Dallas, a historically black school that closed in 1988 despite fund-raising efforts by Thomas and others.

"We're caught in a vice," said Thomas, a Washington, D.C., pastor.

Struggles are a tradition for black colleges.

Parts of the South were still burning when northern missionaries began setting up schools in church basements and union camp shacks.

They called themselves colleges and universities, but their college-age ex-slaves couldn't read or write. They were eager, however. Some gave what pennies and nickels they had. Others gave from their crops. Still others gave land.

Spelman College, an all-women's school in Atlanta, started in the basement of Friendship Church with 11 students. The room had dirt floors. Students knelt, facing the seats of the pews to write. When it rained, the floors turned to mud. If the sun didn't shine, there was no light.

Angry whites threatened the schools. Many had watchtowers that their students manned at night until quite recently. Henry Drewery looked across the campus of Talladega College in Talladega, Ala., a school also now on probation, and seeing Ku Klux Klan rallies along the road that cuts through the school's campus.

"It happened too frequently to make life comfortable," said Drewery, 78, a 1948 graduate and the co-author of "Stand and Prosper: Private Black Colleges and Their Students."

"But what we had on that campus the education, the support outweighed what the outside world could do."

Terror from A4.
Goss also said he could not confirm if either of two men captured with Mohammed was a "major player," citing problems in getting a positive identification of the suspects. U.S. officials indicated Saturday that one of the men might be Saif al Adel, a leading al-Qaida operative wanted for the 1998 East Africa embassy bombings.

But there was no doubt about the importance of the capture Mohammed, alive and unharmed, and the optimism over what he could lead to.

"We got the operations manager, and it's a real coup for us," Sen. Pat Roberts, the Kansas Republican who heads the Senate Intelligence Committee, told CNN. "And I think there will be more coming."

"It's a huge breakthrough, especially if we get any cooperation from him," said Goss. While in custody, Zubaida and bin al-Shibh have provided some information that led to heightened alerts about potential attacks in the United States. But intelligence officials are still debating how much information was accurate.

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Keene State: are you ready for Hoovervilles?

Housing debauchery means impending disaster. Kids, tell your family and friends to start saving cardboard boxes. You may be needing them when school begins next fall.

Perhaps the Office of Residential Life, and college administrators, won't be prepared for the host of students who will be calling refrigerator boxes home on Keene's manicured sidewalks. (Some of us are lucky enough to know someone who recently bought a refrigerator or other large home appliance, one of the many things that will not fit in our environment-friendly abodes).

The Equinox published an editorial two weeks ago, assessing the (then) dismal housing epidemic at Keene State, but gave priority to those administrators who saw to it that other options were available to students who were not so lucky as to receive the luxury of on-campus housing.

And then last Monday happened, as last week's front page, heart-breaking picture represented. Students, some wide-eyed freshmen and veteran seniors, bared the face-numbing cold at ungodly hours in the morning, when they should have been at class. Ironically, the line snaked just past the Mason Library, an academic institution that is in recovery from its lengthy facelift, to better serve its student body and bookworms among us—something that is much appreciated, given we can have someplace to crash after long hours in the library.

In sum, the student body abhors the disaster you call the housing selection process.

It may be so that every student in that line was given housing. It may be true that the trial run of first come, first serve policies was a success, despite Monday's horror. It may be that that Residential Life, seeing the debauchery, devised a plan to do away with the bedlam we saw last week. And if that is impossible, then perhaps hot coffee and street performers will be called upon to alleviate the hardship of the maybe-I-will-get-to-have-a-roof-over-my-head selection process.

We understand that it is in fact a trial run, and it may have been successful. We understand that you understand that there were painfully obvious kinks in the system. But there is much to be said about the privilege of living on-campus for students in their first and second years of college.

Imagine the Kelly Keene State who, check in hand, walks out of her cozy freshman dorm room at 7 a.m. to wait in Monday's line for housing. She has class at 9 a.m., and feels that her early start would guarantee her a room for next year. She waits, biting her lip and fighting back tears from the cold and the frustration. When she arrives at the final destination, she is denied a room and put on a waiting list.

She would be among many others, who were denied housing, that will be forced to live off-campus. As a returning sophomore, she will be removed from the welcoming environment of dorm life. Meeting new friends slows to a trickle. She has an electric bill, a sleazy landlord and a fire trap for an apartment. She finds her new neighbors to be middle-aged, light sleepers who have four dogs and a noisy pick-up truck. In a sense, her college life has been cut short because she wasn't given on-campus housing.

Kelly's lucky not to be joining the others laying welcome mats outside their cardboard dwellings in front of Appian Way.

Something must be done. Although off-campus is appealing to some of us who yearn the responsibility and anonymity of off-campus housing, there may have been many more who were in dire need of on-campus housing, but weren't so fortunate because they weren't waiting in line at 5 a.m.

It may have made some people happy, but to those of us who witnessed last Monday's disaster and to those Kelly Keene States who are now looking for already-scarce off-campus housing, it was a sloppy attempt to fix something that, from previous knowledge, wasn't broken.

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Partnership for a drone-free America

Reader response to Equinox staff writer vying for a mall in Keene

I found Shaina Harlow's Feb. 20 editorial to be rather comforting.

Comforting in the fact that, despite an impending war with Iraq, U.S. homeland security currently at "Orange" level status, reminding us of the ever-present threat of follow up to 9/11's terrorist attacks, stock market plunges, rising unemployment rates and a thousand other societal woes, an American citizen can still have the pluck and insouciant resolve to complain about driving an hour to get to a decent mall.

I'm sure Shaina was overjoyed to pinch a few pennies on dish detergent when Wal-Mart finally strong-armed its way into Keene.

I'm sure Ms. Harlow rejoices at the fact that all of her favorite Top-40 recording artists are conveniently controlled by the

same five record companies, not to mention how convenient her Columbia House/BMG catalog subscription makes ordering that new Eminem or Linkin Park CD.

One statement that perplexes and disturbs me in Harlow's editorial is where she mentions being asked by her peers, once they learn that Keene has no centrally located Mall, "what she did all her life?" to which she answers, "I honestly don't know."

Her peer group sounds stunned, almost offended, that Harlow's formative adolescent years were not spent wandering around in a consumer's daze, idly frittering away parent-provided allowances and meager earnings from menial service-industry jobs on trendy brand-name tags, junk food and similarly trivial novelties.

It puzzles me as to why someone would drive an hour out of their way just to purchase the same logo-embellished sweatshirts and khaki cargo pants as their friends.

It puzzles me as to why people yearn to keep perpetuating the conforming McDonaldization of American culture.

I urge Shaina, and the "every-one" she mentions agreeing with her pro-Mall viewpoint, to stop living life as a corporate-interest controlled drone and start refusing and resisting homogeny.

Start realizing how unique and individualistic your surrounding community is, and try getting involved in it.

I guarantee it'll be more rewarding than a two hour trek to the Gap.

I suggest Mr. Mitchell lighten up. His jabs against me are ignorant of the fact of who I am. He doesn't know me. He obviously doesn't know that all I simply wanted to do was state my opinion about a mall in Keene, something that not only I but many other people have had an opinion on over the years.

He didn't think that maybe, instead of writing about all the trivial and malicious things going on in the world, I wanted to write a lighter piece, a simple piece, about a girl who wants a decent place to shop.

And for the record, all of my friends do wonder what I did all my life without a mall 10 minutes away. Because most other people had somewhere close to them. Because like it or not, there are plenty more people out there like me, people who shop, who spend their money at places other than JC Penney's and Wal-Mart. Don't classify me as some brainless outcast.

I work very hard in school, out of school, and I am involved in my community.

I would appreciate it if Mr. Mitchell wouldn't tell me what I need to do to write about what I believe is what we least know."—Michel de Montaigne

Treated rudely? Mistake in article?

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Did the Son of Sam own a Playstation?

Exploring the reasons why people kill other people

With all the violence that is prevalent in our culture, one can't help but wonder why a person would resort to murder.



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Take the now prominent duo of John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo: why did they embark on a malicious killing spree, that left numerous dead, and others critically wounded? Were they upset with the American government, or was it predestined that the two would live the lives of merciless serial killers?

Clearly, there is no single explanation as to what triggers a person to kill. However, there are specific circumstances that could lead an individual down the wrong path.

When we are young, the majority of us are encouraged by our parents to dream and strive for success. I know, as a child, my parents told me if I worked hard enough I could do anything that I wanted to do in life. Positive reinforcement usually leads to the building of a child's self-esteem, which in turn leads to an accepting view of life.

However, there are those unfortunate few who are psychologically abused when they are young. The constant insults and put-downs can have tragic effects on a young person's psyche. Because victims are subjected to such abuse, they learn not only to despise the world around them, but they also lose trust and faith in humanity. The only way out is through vengeance.

A constitutional law restricting mental institutions could provide another explanation as to why people become serial killers.

"Serial Murder," written by Ronald M. Holmes and James DeBurger, explains that patients that are presumed to have mental illnesses can't be held for more than 90 days, unless it can be proven that while in the hospital, they committed dangerous acts. This means that sick individuals who exhibit good behavior in the hospital can be released back into society after a brief three-month stay, even if they are regarded as mentally disturbed.

One serial killer, by the name of Richard Chase, was admitted to a hospital because of his "vampire" tendencies. While under care, it was determined that Chase killed animals because he "needed their blood."

Amazingly, the institution did not deem him a threat to society. Since Chase was well behaved, under law, the hospital had to release him. Shortly after, as related in "Serial Murder," eight innocent women became victims of Chase.

An intense hatred for the government could be another explanation for killing. While America is regarded as "the land of opportunity," certain people are neglected, or have had their lives disrupted somehow, by our nation's elite.

In the case of Muhammad, he lost his wife and kids, and felt victim to the streets. Muhammad may have blamed his misfortune on the government. In demanding \$10 million, it appeared that he felt the United States somehow owed him for both his personal and economic predicaments.

Lastly, the media is often a scapegoat for the country's high murder rate. With video games such as "Vice City" and movies such as "Natural Born Killers," young people often confuse the make believe world from reality.

While the media may be at least partially to blame for violent acts, they are not the sole reason people commit vindictive acts, like critics would like to contend.

Unfortunately, we may never know what drives a person to kill. Perhaps, one of the most deranged murderers, Ted Bundy, as quoted in "Serial Murders," said it best: "Most serial killers are people who kill for the pleasure of killing and cannot be rehabilitated."



KSC's inclement weather policy "insensitive" and "distasteful"

Two weeks ago, the local area was covered in snow from a massive storm that left students trudging through the mess, trying to get to their classes.



Morgan Sones is a senior communications major.

People were shoveling their cars out of their driveways and trying to clear pathways to get from one place to another.

Everyone in the surrounding area, including Keene public schools, enjoyed another day off after a long weekend in observance of Presidents' Day. However, Keene State students were trying to figure out how they possibly were going to make it to their classes.

It had been enough that we didn't get Presidents' Day off, but being one of the only scholastic institutions that was open in such treacherous conditions is

simply beyond me. What was the point of people risking their lives by trying to make it through harsh conditions, just so that they didn't get marked absent or have to take that one quiz?

I found that many professors cancelled their classes due to the alteration of their children's schedules, and from traveling far away anyway.

People were trekking in the snow to their classes and were greeted with signs that read, "Official Class Cancellation Notice." What a waste.

I have heard numerous stories of people falling, people crashing into snow banks, and people shoveling for hours.

Now I'm not saying that students got the shaft and had to go to class, because I actually do

enjoy the classes I have. I am saying that everyone who is affiliated with Keene State College, on a daily basis, was putting themselves somewhat at risk—especially commuters.

There is a stereotypical bias that college students just want the day off. That's not the point of this commentary. The point is that everyone is affected by the weather, and we are all out there digging ourselves out of the mess together.

I am also not pointing the finger at anyone in particular. I am not familiar with the decision-making process on what conditions are considered to be worthy of closing school. All I do know, however, is that the decision to have school was an insensitive, distasteful act towards students, faculty, and employees.

'Housing Hell' to blame for panic, backaches

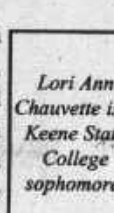
You'll probably get a lot of letters on this, but I thought I would express my opinions on the new process that is now known as, "The Housing Deposit Hell."

I was one of the lucky ones: I got there at 7:30 a.m., was in line for five hours, and didn't have to miss a class in order to make the deposit.

Expressed in Ms. Pelletier's letter, others weren't so lucky.

As I waited in line, rumors were wafting through the line from the now disgruntled students: professors were calling and complaining about the lack of students in their classes, (something that was unconfirmed), and all the rooms were already on waitlist status (at the time I got up to file my deposit, untrue) were the two prevalent ones that I had heard.

Standing out in the cold was ridiculous. I had to go into Rhodes Hall and have someone save my place, in order to make sure that I stayed warm during this whole process, because of



Lori Ann Chavette is a Keene State College sophomore.

the lack of hot chocolate for those waiting outside.

Ms. Pelletier's report of back pains and such were no exaggerations: it is now two days after the fact, as I am writing this, and I still suffer from lower back pain from standing in that line with a relatively heavy backpack. I wouldn't have brought it with me if I had known it wasn't going to be a simple in-and-out procedure for my deposit.

I honestly think that Residential Life should have been better prepared for this

procedure than they were, including warning us about the possibility that the line might reach the proportions that it did. It was very poorly organized, no provisions were made to provide for our comfort, and the school created a panic that didn't need to be there with the new "first come, first serve" policy in place now.

Changes need to be made for next year, or else you'll end up with the problems you had this year.

incredibly frustrating time. I would imagine it is extremely difficult to find a ticket when you can't decipher whether the stop sign you have been talking to for the past five minutes has got your extra or not.

I am just kidding. I really enjoy watching people try their hardest to have conversations when hallucinating extremely hard. This is just icing on the cake before the show starts.

Getting into the Centrum is always a hassle. Security at most venues just lets the crowd pour in. Everyone for the most part, is polite about it. The Centrum is nothing like that.

There were barricades and pat downs. It seemed I was standing in three different lines just to get into the show.

Once inside, I look around and saw many Keene States plopped amongst the crowd of screaming fans.

Then the show happened. The first set was surprisingly mellow after an incredible YEM. The band played songs from each of their solo albums. This was a good idea, but the only song that really stood out was Mike Gordon's, "Clones."

The second set was one of the best I have seen in a long time. It started out with an unmotivated "Stash," so I was getting a little worried. Then "Ghost" crept up and the place went nuts.

From that point on, the show just kept getting better. "Ghost" morphed into "Low Rider," then into "Makisupa

Policeman," and then into "Ya Mar."

"Guyute" came next, always a crowd pleaser, and one of the most beautiful compositions I have ever heard. "Waves" came next and "Prince Caspian," both of which I am not a huge fan of. Thinking "Caspian" was going to be the set closer, because it was around midnight, (concept of time is a bit foggy...) I was dead wrong. "Caspian" turned into "Frankenstein," then into "Goli Apparatus," to end a second set that just melted the mind. To say that Phish is just another Dead impersonator is ridiculous. Go to a show; see what goes on, you will get hooked.

More importantly, how can one person or country say that one human life is more valuable than another? It disturbs me greatly to think of the suffering and death that is already occurring in Iraq due to American bombs and sanctions.

Please consider the profundity of this huge loss of human life.

It is my hope that you will use your position as a supporter, and promoter of education in the state of New Hampshire, to take a stand against this war that places the value of human life on a spectrum according to ethnic background.

As a student, I am doing what I can. Please do your part.

In defense of Phish, love, veggie burgers and all things "hippy"

Wednesday afternoon after a class that didn't get over quick enough, I jumped in my car and sped to Worcester as quickly as possible.



Drew Forbes is an Equinox staff member.

The best rock show of the season was coming to town, Phish! I know many people will read this article and brush it off as "just another hippie going to see those Dead wannabes."

I hate it when people say that to me. I don't know why it irks me so much, but when I hear it, I wish whomever said it would be locked in a room with a wolverine on angel dust.

First of all, I am not a hippie. Hippies live on veggie burritos and love. They are the "die hards" and I have nothing but

respect for them. Who else would you rather be surrounded by at a Phish show? The ones I have met are the friendliest people on earth, always having something interesting to say, or a very descriptive interpretation of the night prior's set list.

Second, to compare Phish to the Grateful Dead is something that one just shouldn't do. The Dead were the start of this whole Jam Nation, playing for Ken Kesey at his Acid Tests. If you listen to live Dead and live Phish, there are no real similarities except both bands are made up of incredibly dedicated musicians who love to play

their music for hours on end. That is about where the comparison ends.

So I was wicked pumped to be at one of the greatest Phish venues in the country.

There have been some big shows at the Centrum. Who can forget the '98 run? Come on, the Wipeout show is one of the greatest in the extensive Phish catalog.

Going in, I was expecting something huge from this show. Walking around the parking garages before the show is always a good time. The vast sea of people: some hallucinating, some rolling, some drunk, most high—all just laughing having a good time, except for the ones looking for tickets to the show. They are having an

incredibly frustrating time. I would imagine it is extremely difficult to find a ticket when you can't decipher whether the stop sign you have been talking to for the past five minutes has got your extra or not.

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Once inside, I look around and saw many Keene States plopped amongst the crowd of screaming fans.

Then the show happened. The first set was surprisingly mellow after an incredible YEM. The band played songs from each of their solo albums. This was a good idea, but the only song that really stood out was Mike Gordon's, "Clones."

The second set was one of the best I have seen in a long time. It started out with an unmotivated "Stash," so I was getting a little worried. Then "Ghost" crept up and the place went nuts.

From that point on, the show just kept getting better. "Ghost" morphed into "Low Rider," then into "Makisupa

Policeman," and then into "Ya Mar."

"Guyute" came next, always a crowd pleaser, and one of the most beautiful compositions I have ever heard. "Waves" came next and "Prince Caspian," both of which I am not a huge fan of. Thinking "Caspian" was going to be the set closer, because it was around midnight, (concept of time is a bit foggy...) I was dead wrong. "Caspian" turned into "Frankenstein," then into "Goli Apparatus," to end a second set that just melted the mind. To say that Phish is just another Dead impersonator is ridiculous. Go to a show; see what goes on, you will get hooked.

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Please consider the profundity of this huge loss of human life.

It is my hope that you will use your position as a supporter, and promoter of education in the state of New Hampshire, to take a stand against this war that places the value of human life on a spectrum according to ethnic background.

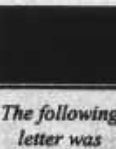
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Involved student asks Yarosewick for "Books Not Bombs" cooperation

My name is Stephanie Katz. I am a freshman here at Keene State College, majoring in biology.

As a freshman, I am involved in an independent study in the biology department, researching the habitat of an endangered bird species, the California Gnatcatcher.

Currently, I am a representative of the Owl's Nests on the Residence Hall Association. I have initiated a couple of independent actions on campus to educate students about political situations around the world, namely organizing, setting up



The following letter was submitted to President Yarosewick by Stephanie Katz.

and running a table in the student center last week with information and letters to congress, regarding the war in Iraq. Last semester I made the Dean's List.

I am taking the time to tell you about my achievements and involvements here at KSC because I want you to read this letter with serious consideration.

On Wednesday, March 5, a number of students, myself included, will be participating in the "Books Not Bombs" nationwide student walkout.

Letter to the Editor

All day long, I will be participating in demonstrations on campus and in town, as well as running a table in the student center with information about Iraq.

I am writing to invite you to the day's festivities in town, and to request your formal, public support of the "Books Not Bombs" student walk-out. In doing so, you will be telling the students here at KSC, the state of New Hampshire and the entire country that you do not support a war that is waged unjustly upon defenseless people.

My own personal stance on the war on Iraq generally comes down to two points:

1. President Bush initiated this campaign against Iraq falsely, by gaining the support of an incredibly hurt and wounded American public, by using our fears to rally us. The connection that he claims to exist between Iraq and Sept. 11 is no more real than a connection between Sept. 11 and any other Middle Eastern country. This said, our president is using manipulative tactics to gain support in this country for a war that we neither need nor want.

2. A common argument in favor of the war on Iraq is that it

will potentially save American lives that would otherwise be subject to future terrorism. This may be true, but a war with Iraq assures us—in no way—that future terrorist attacks will be avoided. On the other hand, we have complete assurance that by going to war, we will be killing hundreds of thousands, if not millions of innocent Iraqi civilians, not to mention the brave women and men in our own military and those of our allies.

On a basic, humanitarian level, this is not right. How can one person, or one country, put a value on a human life?

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KSC swim teams place second at Bentley

By Stuart Kaufman
Contributing Writer

Keene State College men's and women's swim teams finished second at the New England Division II-III Swimming and Diving Championships during the weekend of Feb. 21-23, at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass.

Host Bentley College won both team titles. The Falcons (520 points) edged the Owls (404 points) for the men's championship. Bentley posted a 910-658 win to claim the women's title. It was the highest finish ever by a KSC men's team and the second year in a row the women have placed second at the meet.

"I thought we swam very well," said KSC Coach Gene Leonard. "We had some outstanding performances, but Bentley had just a little more depth than us."

It was a productive weekend for KSC that set six school records, and qualified swimmers in five events for next weekends ECAC Championships, at the University of Pittsburgh. Junior Lisa Wandeloski had a very productive weekend for the Owls, setting records in the 100 (54.14), and 200-yard freestyle (1:59.41) races. Her time in the 100 was just one-tenth of a second off the national qualifying mark.

"I was shocked and impressed with my times," said Wandeloski, who also took two seconds off her personal-best time in the 100. "I'm looking forward to going to the ECACs along with our relay teams. Hopefully it should be a great experience and inspiration to the team."

Wandeloski qualified for the ECACs in the 50, 100, and 200 freestyle events. She was also a member of KSC's record set-

ting and ECAC qualify ing 200 freestyle (1:56.533) and 400 freestyle relay teams. Her teammates will be Megan Humphreys, Cathy Sue Klein, and Karly Smith. The Owls' 400 freestyle relay time of 3:42.43 and Wandeloski's 100 freestyle time set new Bentley pool records.

Other KSC records were set by Karly Smith in the 50 butterfly (28.17) and by freshman Charlie Garrigan in the men's 200 freestyle (1:48.64).

Wandeloski's 100 freestyle and the women's 400 freestyle relay victories both took place on Sunday. KSC had several other outstanding efforts in the final day of competition.

John West won the 1,000 freestyle on Saturday, and finished second in the 1,650 freestyle with a time of 17:39.29. Garrigan finished third in the 100 freestyle (1:40.61). Scott Seligman was fourth in the 200 breaststroke (2:36.94).

(2:19.51). Steve Kvalheim was third in the 100 individual medley (57.31) and Mike Blain was third and sixth respectively in the 200 butterfly (2:13.62) and 1,650 freestyle (18:14.52). The Owls' 400 freestyle team of Kvalheim, Garrigan, Chris Woolridge and Michael Stuerer finished third (3:22.79).

KSC divers also had a solid day on the board, Zach Hasting with 349 points, and Chris McCormick placed third and fourth respectively in three-meter diving.

In women's competition, Klein, who competed despite suffering burns on her leg earlier in the week, was second in the 1,650 freestyle (19:03.82). Karly Smith was third in the 100 L.M. (1:04.61) and sister Lannell Smith was fourth in the 200 breaststroke (2:36.94).



(Left to right) Lisa Wandeloski, Karly Smith, John West and Chris Woolridge all swam well at the 2003 New England Division II-III Championships at Bentley College two weeks ago. The KSC swimmers and divers placed second overall, and sent some members to the ECAC tournament meet at the University of Pittsburgh.

Intramural basketball 'Shakes N' Bakes' into midseason

By Jameson Zani
Staff Reporter

The Hoopsters basketball team faced an incredible challenge on Wednesday, Feb. 27, against the five man lineup of the "Simbs" in intramural league play at Spaulding Gymnasium.

The Hoopsters had yet to win a game, and remained winless after their performance against the Simbs.

The game started off slow with few points being scored by either club, yet as the game progressed, many opportunities were available on both sides to take over the game. The Simbs came to play with intensity, and a desire to walk away victorious.

The Hoopsters' Zach Kobasa poured in 15 points to help his team. Josh Grasso and Jon Maloney each provided eight points. Even with these stellar performances by the Hoopsters, the team could not seem to find the consistency needed to win.

With six minutes remaining in the second period, the Simbs lost its star player, Matt Simao, when he attempted a block shot and came down hard to the floor.

"I tried to stay in the game to help my team," said Simao, "but I knew that I would be hurting them by staying in because I could not play to my fullest potential."

As the "team" took the floor with only four remaining members, it looked like the Hoopsters would use the one man advantage, and win the game.

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Sophomore David Bridgewater ran a 4:13.35 in the mile at the All-New England Championships.

Wins, records and qualifiers

By Paul Phelps
Staff Reporter

Competing against some of the strongest teams in all of New England, the Keene State men's and women's indoor track teams fared well this past weekend.

The men's team competed at Boston University, and the women at Smith College, whose schools hosted the All-New England Championships. On the men's side, senior All-American Mark Miller led the team, with a first place victory in the mile race. He qualified for the final on Friday night with a time of 4:10.99, and on Saturday was able to win the finals section with a time of 4:07.29.

"I felt relaxed in the qualifying race, and just went out there to get into the final. In the final, I was sort of upset to have to lead the whole race. I just made one big move and it was over," Miller said.

Sophomore David Bridgewater was also able to qualify for the finals section. His time of 4:13.35 in the mile qualifying heat was a national provisional qualifying time.

"I think that time will be good enough to get me into the national meet. I think I can improve on it just to make sure though," said Bridgewater.

Freshman Ryan Gough placed fifth in the qualifying heat of the 800-meter race. His time of 1:57.87 was not good enough for the final section.

Freshman Colby Monahan also placed fifth in the 500-meter race. His time of 1:07.80 was also not good enough to make the finals.

The four men also competed in a Distance Medley Relay and

a 4x800 meter relay. The team broke the school record in the 4x800 with a time of 7:45.51. They also made a provisional qualifying time in the DMR with a time of 10:10.57.

"We went out and ran hard in both of the relays. I think we all wanted that school record and also a qualifying time in that DMR," added Gough.

"It was a very good weekend for these guys. They just went out against the best and ran as hard as they could," added Coach Peter Thomas.

On the women's side, senior All-American Mary Proulx led the team once again. She was victorious in the 3000-meter race with a time of 9:34.59.

The highlight of the meet came from the women's relay teams.

The distance medley relay team comprised of Beth Vachon, Laurie Yorgensen, Courtney Stabb, and Proulx were able to run the relay in 11:55.76, which was good enough for second place overall.

The 4x800 meter relay team also had success, finishing fifth overall with a time of 9:28.70. The team consisted of Proulx, Vachon, Yorgensen and Stephanie Gibson.

"It was great to see the DMR team step it up. We can now take a team to nationals and maybe do some damage with that team," added Thomas.

The two teams will travel to the ECAC championships this weekend. This is the last meet in which runners can post qualifying times for the NCAA Championships, held on March 7 and 8 at DePaul University in Greencastle, Ind.

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boards. KSC will travel to take on number one seed Southern Maine. Game time has yet to be determined.

"I can't say enough about these kids," Boucher said. "They never thought the game was over. We gave ourselves a chance to win by getting it to overtime. We executed very well in overtime. That was a great win for us."

Southern Maine is ranked number 10 in the nation, and has never lost a conference

play-off game in their team's history. KSC has lost to Southern Maine twice this season by a combined eight points. "The two games we have played against them have been close," Arsenal said. "If we can keep chipping away, it can happen."

"It has turned into a one game season," Boucher said. "Hopefully we can have another after that. We played them (Southern Maine) tough twice. We just need to put ourselves in position to win at the end. It would be sweet to beat them on their home court. We'll see what happens."

Jackie Robinson foundation celebrates 30 years of supporting college educations

By Christian Red
New York Daily News

The image is indelible, Jackie Robinson entering the Brooklyn Dodgers clubhouse, left arm raised and waving while a smile creases his face. The year is 1947, when he broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball.

More than half a century after that seminal moment, Jackie Robinson's legacy is being carried out by hundreds of young men and women who are scholarship recipients of the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

The foundation will celebrate its 30th anniversary Monday night at the Waldorf-Astoria, with Bill Cosby as emcee. The idea was born in 1973, a year after Robinson's death, when his wife Rachel sought to extend the civil rights work and social activism of her husband after his retirement from baseball in 1957. The not-for-profit foundation's mission would be to assist "academically gifted

students of color" with four-year undergraduate scholarships while also providing a support system to scholars throughout their lives.

There was only one scholarship awarded that year. In the three decades since, over 800 scholarships have followed, with each student eligible for \$24,000 in scholarship aid, an assigned mentor, work internships and frequent networking opportunities.

"I'm just in awe and amazed how far we have come," Rachel Robinson said yesterday at the foundation's annual networking weekend at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in midtown. "We started with no money and had a single telephone hooked up in the kitchen. We knew our intentions, but I am still quite thrilled with what it has become."

As current students and JRF alumni like Elizabeth Gil can attest, once awarded a prestigious scholarship, "it's like being part of family." Gil, a 1996 graduate of New York University who teaches at

Community School 211 in the Bronx, said she did not realize the magnitude of the award when she applied as a senior at Manhattan's Cathedral High School.

"The foundation is so inspiring. I would not have had the rich experiences - the people I've met, the networking - without it," she said.

James Fraction, another alumnus and 2002 graduate of Morehouse College, said the JRF scholarship is more than just "getting a check."

"They really do a lot to support that feeling of giving back," he said. "And it is something you want to do. I knew about Jackie Robinson's successes, but I have a different understanding of his full impact now that I am part of this foundation."

Landing a scholarship is competitive. For the 5,000 applications submitted each year, approximately 60 scholarships are awarded. The graduation rate of scholars is 92 percent, the highest percentage of any foundation of its kind.

But Steven Brown, president and CEO of the foundation, hopes for more.

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Men's lacrosse coach excited about season

By Jim Johnson
Staff Reporter

Coach Mark Theriault, of the Keene State men's lacrosse team, is excited about his team's chances for the upcoming 2003 season.

And he has every right to be. The 2002 squad improved from one of the league's worst at 2-10, to a top contender at 12-3, including a school record 11 game winning streak. Coach Theriault said his expectations going into the season are at an

all time high.

"My expectation of the team is to continue to become one of the best teams in New England. Last year we went from 116 out of 130 teams in Division III, to 69/130 by the end of the year," Theriault said. "Our freshmen gained a wealth of experience. This is combined with another strong recruiting class. The only disadvantage is the youngness of our team, (including) two seniors, one junior, 14 sophomores, and 11 freshmen."

"We are looking to compete for the Little East championship, which receives an NCAA automatic bid. If not NCAA, then to compete for the ECAC title," Theriault added. A major question going into this season will be the defensive unit, which graduated three co-captains last year. Besides their great play, Adam Prissy, Chris Kelly, and Neil Birmingham provided leadership, both on and off the field.

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In the women's semifinal

USM senior forward Kara Crockett collected a defensive rebound, was fouled, and drained a pair of free throws with nine seconds remaining to ice the 53-48 triumph over the Owls.

Triumphant in 11 consecutive contests, the Huskies advanced to tomorrow's title game where they will face the third-seeded Plymouth State College Panthers (20-7), who scored an 87-85 upset over Eastern Connecticut in overtime of the first semifinal game. Southern Maine improves to 24-3, while Keene State College falls to 16-11.

Southern Maine had an opportunity to extend a 49-48 lead with 40 seconds remaining, but freshman Tiffany Jones missed the first of a one-and-one foul shot.

However, the Huskies retained possession when Crockett hauled in the rebound. The possession combined with freshman Katie Frost sinking a pair of free throws with 26 seconds left to give the Huskies a 51-48 lead.

KSC worked the ball inside, but senior guard Julie Tardif's short jumper hit the iron and bounced out and into the hands of Crockett with nine seconds to play.

Southern Maine held a 49-44 advantage with 4:16 remaining, but a pair of baskets from senior forward Hayley Alaimo pulled the Owls within 49-48 with 2:39 to play. With her second basket Alaimo eclipsed the 1,000-career point plateau.

The game was close from start to finish with neither team leading by more than six points.

The Huskies twice held a six-point lead in the second half, with the final time occurring at 45-39 with 5:38 to play.

KSC led throughout much of the early minutes, before Southern Maine took the lead for good at 12-11 on a lay-up by Nikki Allen with 9:40 remaining in opening half. The Owls rallied to tie the affair twice, but could never regain the lead. The final tie came at 26-26 on a basket by freshman guard Bekka Hopkins with 17:59 to play in the game.

Senior forward Jess Libby answered with a short jumper to ignite a 4-0 lead, and the Huskies never trailed the remainder of the contest. Jones led all players with 20 points, while Crockett added 6 points, 12 rebounds and 4 blocks, and junior guard Meg Cressle contributed 7 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 assists.

The Owls were led by Alaimo, who tallied 15 points, while freshman Liz Donnelly added 12 points.

Owl Basketball Teams Earn ECAC Tournament Berths

Both Keene State College men's and women's basketball teams have earned berths to their respective ECAC New England Division III Tournament.

The third seed in the tournament, the KSC men (20-7) will

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and harder to find quality players who stay until their junior year or senior year.

That is why Kentucky and Arizona will meet in the finals this season. Both teams are very well coached and they both have senior leadership and players who know the system.

For the other 63 teams in the field, it's a toss-up. Who knows what will happen as any team could lose to anyone at any time.

But nonetheless, March Madness is the most exciting sporting event period. Nothing in sports compares to three weeks of players who play hard

hosted sixth seeded Gordon College of Wenham, Mass. (20-5) in a quarterfinal game last night at 7 p.m. The Keene State women (16-11), seventh seed, will be in a second round game at 7 p.m. for an opening round game also scheduled for 7 p.m.

Missing out on an NCAA berth following its 82-76 loss to Plymouth State in the semifinals of the Little East Tournament, KSC will be looking for its first ECAC Championship.

"This is going to be a very tough match up for us. Gordon had a very good season and had some impressive wins against some of the top teams in the region," said Head Coach Rob Colbert. "Overall, I think this is one of strongest ECAC fields during my tenure."

A senior of this year's team, Derek Swenson said the team is looking forward to the tournament.

"We definitely like to make a statement by winning the tournament," said the Owls' senior captain. "I think the players will be ready for it."

The Owls will be making their fifth appearance in the past six years in the tournament. After advancing to the championship game against Colby-Sawyer in 1998, KSC lost first round games to Amherst College (1999) and Wesleyan University (2001) before falling last season to Plymouth State in a semifinal game.

It will be the first meeting between Keene State and Gordon College. The Fighting Scots, which made their first trip to the ECACs last year, lost in the first round to UMass-Dartmouth.

If the seedings hold, KSC will play at Plymouth State in a semifinal game on Saturday at 2 p.m. The championship game is scheduled for Sunday at the highest remaining seed. Game time will be 2 p.m.

A young team with 11 freshmen on its roster, the Keene State women's basketball team will be making its second straight appearance in the ECAC Tournament.

KSC Coach Keith Boucher feels his young squad will greatly benefit from the experience.

"Anytime you go to a post-season tournament it's a thrill," Boucher said. "It's a great opportunity for our young players to learn to play in a tournament setting."

"When you consider our schedule, I actually thought we should be seeded higher," he added.

Keene State, which won the ECAC Championship as a Division II member in 1988 and 1989, also reached the championship game in 1993.

Returning to the tournament last season as a Division III member, the Owls defeated Colby-Sawyer 73-58 before losing to Plymouth State 73-57 in the semifinals.

The semifinals and championship game will be played at the highest remaining seeds on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Coverage of Wednesday night's men's ECAC game will appear in the next edition of The Equinox.

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I love basketball and I would rather watch any college basketball game over an NBA game.

College players play to they can't give any more. Crowds are loud and fun and games are just plain more interesting.

Hopefully this March Madness won't let anyone down but for this fan, it never has.

Rich Egan is a senior majoring in communications. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of The Equinox.

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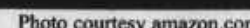
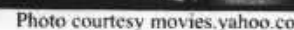


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Doria Roberts, performed at the Night Owl Cafe

Commentary

Michael Kalil is a sophomore majoring in journalism.



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez at the premiere of "Daredevil."

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that far. Track 11, the ironically titled "Song 3" features terrific blaring guitars. The song rocks out in a big way and it is an entertaining headbanger even if all it is, is a shout out to California. "Hot Fudge" is essentially the same sentiment as "Song 3" but it features a cool groove that recalls Jamiroquai.

"Cursed" clearly shows Williams addressing the loss of someone with lyrics like "Hush, baby sleep now/We all miss you, we always will." Instead of being a sappy ballad it is a rousing rock song.

Tracks like "Feel" and "Love Somebody" show Williams a little less cynical towards love

than he was on "Sexed Up." Even Williams, although he hides behind his dry sense of humor, hurts and wants to find love. Williams wrote every song with his writing partner Guy Chambers. Only a few tracks feature additional writers. Nearly every song has a great hook and the songs are undeniably catchy.

The lyrics are sharp and entertaining, but if there is any one factor that kills Williams chances in the U.S. it is that his lyrics are too cheeky, too British for American audiences. Those with a taste for British humor should ignore the fact that Williams is pop and give him a try.

Alec Kerr is a fan of British music

The Best Albums of 2002 that you never heard

List Compiled by Matt Barone

Sigur Ros- (): This is a great album by these Icelandic rockers. This Band is like nothing you ever heard before. If you think this is good, you should see them in live performance.

Flaming Lips-Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots: One of the best experimental Rock gems in recent years and it's really fun to listen to. Flaming Lips should rock everybody's world.

Wilco-Yankee Hotel Foxtrot: Great Album by this Chicago based band. Very alternative country sounding but Produced by none other then Jim O'Rourke who works with Sonic Youth.

Sleater Kinney- One Beat: This is Girl Rock at its all time finest. They're in the same vain as Le Tigre and Joan Jett.

God Speed! You Black Emperor- Yanqui U. X. O: This album has only five songs, but is 75 minutes long. Put on "Rockets Fall on Rocket Falls" it is 21 minutes of pure entertainment. They sound like rock orchestras with guitars, basses and drums and cellos and violins.

Spoon- Kill the Moonlight: They have a great sound that captures what rock nowadays should sound like. This is their best album so far. They sound like older version of the Pixies.

Interpol-Turn on the Bright Lights: They have a Joy Division, Mission of Burma feel to them. Go see them live so much better.

Sonic Youth-Murray St.: Great Experimental Rock. They are Sonic Youth. They have no other equal.

Boards of Canada-Geogaddi: Great Electronic music that makes you think more then you should. This is wonderful cosmic music sound. A very haunting album.

McLusky- McLusky Do Dallas: This band rocks more then any band I have heard in recent years. They are no nonsense and straight from the mold of Shellac and Fugazi. They should be great for the future of rock and roll.

There are albums that did not come out in 2002, but look forward to hearing them in 2003. The new Radiohead is coming out in June. Also expect new albums from Tortoise, White Stripes, Cat Power, King Crimson, Arab Strap and Grandaddy.

Matt Barone, commonly known as ACID, is a WKHN DJ. He has a radio show called Sincrope on Wed. nights from 8-12.

Idiots, cont. from B4

ation when it was done.

After washing and drying his feet without using his hands, he proceeded to make a bologna sandwich complete with cheese (which he had to take out of the cellophane wrap with his toes) lettuce, mustard and a pickle. He explained to the woman how Jay Leno, and Donny Osmond had also been privileged enough to eat one of his creations.

Adding tooth picks and olives he cut the sandwich in triangles, still using his feet mind you and passed it over to the woman who took a bite of it amid cheers. Although she didn't get

to finish it onstage, she did receive a doggy bag to take the sandwich home in.

Displaying his amazing strength and knack for completely bizarre talents, Walter or "Swami Walter" as he was called for the act twisted and bent his spaghetti-like limbs around a wooden pole. He lay perfectly balanced across two benches, one under his head and the other under his feet and none supporting his middle.

Then he had Gyro stand and jump on his unsupported middle. To top it off, Walter ingested a three-foot long balloon with as much ease as swallowing a candy bar, snaking it down his throat until it disappeared while the audience watch mystified.

Other highlights included Gyro's throwing-playing-cards-into-the-air-and-cutting- them-with-a-whip act and the whole team of Idiots moving beach balls across the stage with leaf blowers and blowing them into high metal baskets.

For their finale, the Idiots again asked for a volunteer from the audience looking for a man around 275 pounds. After scanning the crowd, Gyro found his victim and called him to the stage explaining his role. The volunteer was to stand there as Gyro jumped up on to his shoulders and hand up the torches. Again, sounds simple

right? In Flaming Idiots fashion, nothing is ever simple.

After leaping on to the man's shoulders, Gyro lit the torches, stood up on his shoulders while other Idiots encircled. With amazing agility and that defining sense of danger, they juggled the flaming torches over each other ending the act and the show in a humorous football style victory dance.

I guess it just goes to show you that you can be a complete Idiot onstage, showcase your most random talents while entertaining hundreds AND get paid for it.

Laura Cline is a senior majoring in journalism.

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Students act on idea after the Speak Out

By Monica MacPherson
Features Editor

More efficient transportation, around town and the campus, has become an active goal for two students after it was voted the third most important issue at the Student Speak Out.

"We are trying to make the shuttle better for students, so it can reduce less stress on parking," said junior Eric Lovely.

The first morning of the Student Speak Out, Lovely proposed a discussion should be held on a way to make transportation and parking a more efficient process. The session had 15 people in attendance and was one of the best turnouts of all the meetings all day, Lovely said.

Some of the ideas the group came up with to help the transportation and parking issues were to create more shuttle loops around town that would run on a set schedule, and survey where the most convenient stops would be for off-campus students.

They also came up with making the shuttle stops more visible with benches, signs, and schedules, and using work study students, with qualified defensive driving certificates, to drive busses for a lower cost than hiring outside the college.

Another idea to make the shuttle a more attractive option was to make "the shuttle all pipped out with kickin' speakers and loud colors, making them jazz," said junior Dave Maher.

"We thought the shuttle

would be a less costly way to consider the parking problem in a way that would accommodate peoples' transportation needs," said Lovely.

After the Student Speak Out, Lovely decided to take action on the issue. "I feel a personal responsibility to make this change because it would be better for the campus," said Lovely.

"One of the first steps in changing the shuttle system would be mapping out the density of where the college students live so we can map out sensible routes," said Lovely.

Junior Pamela Ball, a geography major, will be in charge of mapping out where off-campus students live, using a GIS graphical system.

"There seems to be general areas where college students seem to live, it is one of the flaws but since there are clusters it might not be as difficult," said Ball.

The shuttle that is free for Keene State students changed its route this past January. The Red Route stops at the Grafton House, also known as Campus Safety office, Shaw's, McDonalds/Autumn Leaf apartments, Staples, Winchester St parking lot, Butler Court, Young Student Center, Fiske parking lot, Library/Dinning Commons/ Arts Center. New stops students can go to on the City Express are CVS, West St. and K-Mart Plazas and the Medical Center.

The shuttle runs Monday through Friday and leaves each stop every half hour, according to the schedule.



Photo by Chris Dunn

With an upcoming grant, three new plexiglass stops could be added to shuttle stops around campus.

"We have had huge rider increases since January," said Amanda Warman, director of campus safety.

With more options than before, and a set schedule for the bus routes, the next step is getting more students to use it. "They made it easier so that it doesn't take a long time to get where the students want to go," said Warman.

Lovely's vision, along with others from the Student Speak Out, is to get a shuttle route going into neighborhoods off campus, which would start at the gates of Appian Way, then go down through Adams Street through the neighborhood behind Main Street, and up towards Washington Street.

This route would be good for off-campus students to get around without a car, and on campus students who want to travel around the town, Lovely said.

After Lovely and Ball spoke with Warman about their ideas, Warman said their might be some huge challenges with

New Year in February



Photo by Jim Francis

Dancers perform at the Chinese New Year celebration last Saturday in the Mabel Brown Room, which included desserts and a performance of dancers in Chinese costumes.

Poem of the week

Toward Conception

tattered,
exhausted,
alive
we kneel in
this stream
as mother, as
father
and cup our
hands
to drink from
this water

because we
believe the
salmon
who were
spawned in
this bed

will someday
return

Feminists, from pg. B10

"It was nice to be able to hook up with national activists because KSC is a little bit isolated. Getting involved on a national level was very important," said Kennedy.

Concepts such as making diversity a way of life, staying focused and public, while never turning back on any female were emphasized.

"It was great. It was nice to know that our group isn't alone. Going to the conference helped me decide on my post graduate career plans," said senior Joanna Cardinal, a Feminist

students, from pg. B9

Majors such as environmental studies and computer science tend to draw more males than females, said Jasmin.

In the 13 years that Jasmin has worked at the college, there has not been a dramatic change in the gap between males and females on campus, she said.

"We always have more females than males," Jasmin said. Some students at Keene State do not think that the difference in the gender gap is an issue that negatively affects them and some feel that it does not affect them at all.

"I never really thought much about it," said sophomore Bethany Elliott, majoring in elementary education, "but it doesn't bother me."

Other students on campus voiced similar opinions.

"It is completely inconsequential to me," Clegg said.

This poem was reprinted with permission from "The Man Who Loves Salmon" (Limerlost Press, Boise Idaho, 1998).

Sherman Alexie will be speaking in the Mabel Brown Room on March 25, at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be free for students, faculty, and staff with KSC ID beginning March 10.

Collective general member.

When not listening to speakers, rallying, or lobbying, KSC students were able to visit and enjoy the national monuments around the city.

According to Kennedy, those students that went to the conferences that were not members of the Feminist Collective now are.

Currently, the Feminist Collective is looking to make the organization a pro-choice organization. They are also looking into starting a Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) on the KSC campus.

Therefore, freshmen could be students in their second or third years at the college, but have not achieved the amount of credits necessary to achieve sophomore status.

Jasmin also said education and psychology tend to draw more female students. Since both education and psychology are such big majors at Keene this could attribute to the discrepancy between the percentage of male and female students.

In 2000, the percentage of the gender breakdown of students who remain at Keene State after their first year was almost equal. Of the 596 male freshmen in 1999, 76 percent came back to Keene in 2000. Of the 902 female freshmen in 1999, 77 percent returned to Keene in the fall of 2000.

In this study, freshmen status was determined by credits, rather than the number of years a student has attended KSC.

YOU CAN'T HELP FALLING INTO HIS TRANCE

I write.

Well, duh, I know, but seriously, that's all I do. I don't know anyone, I don't go anywhere, and I don't do anything.

I just write. And even in my glorious moments of pure comical genius, I don't do that great a job.

Do any of you actually realize how hard it is to come up with something to write about every week? I really don't think so.

There are times when I write about things that have happened to me, and those times aren't so bad. I just go with whatever is on my mind.

Yet even when I'm writing my opinion on matters political or otherwise, I still have to think of what I'm going to blather about. And beyond that, I'm more hopeless than fat kids in dodge ball.

Where do I get all these award-winning, bowel-liberating ideas then? I do get a lot of help from my editor over at The Equinox. She's always got something I can rant about.

Then there is what I would call divine intervention, if I believed in a God.

Things just pop into my head and I'm all, "Thanks Jesus, you're a pretty good guy," and he says, "I know." But that's another story altogether.

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diet, from pg. B10

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Those moments are the easiest things to write about.

These commentaries aren't the only thing I write either. I consider it a hobby, entertainment even, and I have fun doing it.

This one would think, it would prevent the mind droughts like this one, that so hamper my progression in the literary arts.

It's annoying to say the least. If I could readily think of things to write about, you'd all be reading this in the introduction to my best-selling novel.

I am trapped within the limits of my own disturbed mind. I've got a million-and-one totally irrelevant things to write about, but they're irrelevant so I won't waste your time.

I could write pages and pages on the paradoxical nature of time travel or the unending joy of lemonade.

But after paragraph one, losing your ears before a concert is more stimulating.

I could probably try and send the entire populace of KSC into a matrixesque trance in which all the truths of the world are realized.

But somewhere, towards the middle, I'd trail off talking about candy and we'd lose the whole trance entirely.

World hates, it's premature trance ending.

I think I do a decent job with what I do come up with.

Therefore I shall continue bringing joy, happiness, and indifference to all of you for

with it, it has given me the confidence that I need to go forth with it also," said Bivins.

With motivation as the factor to beginning the Weight Watchers program, Bivins said she is almost ready to start the program.

"I plan on going to Weight Watchers sometime very soon to experience it for myself, and hopefully I will be just as motivated and successful as Tammy is," said Bivins.

Hunt still warns that with all the rumors going around about which diet trick works, they still might just be the latest fads that have not had enough research done on them.

"With all the new fad diets,



the Other 98cents
Mitch Wyatt is a freshman and an English major who enjoys long walks on the beach and stargazing. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of The Equinox.

months to come. And hell, maybe you've got an idea for me that'd make my life easier.

I'm all for your ideas, E-mail me, find me, knock on the stall door. Just let me know.

Don't expect me to use all your ideas of course, and don't expect credit either. I may be open to your ideas, but the glory is all mine.

Look at "The Other 98 Cents" next week for Mitch's thoughts on what people are saying on the bulletin board in the Young Student Center.

people are getting the impression that carbohydrates are bad for you. However, that's not the case at all," she said. "You need good carbohydrates in your diet, which are foods like whole grain breads, pastas, and cereals."

There is plenty to learn about the importance and necessity of keeping carbohydrates a part of your every day diet. Hunt is available to talk with students for more information on carbohydrates, the Atkins diet, and any other diets.

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Studying for a test, senior Emily Jubert said she hopes to go to grad school.

Graduate school might turn into a money pit

By Diana Lyn Chandler
Staff Reporter

With the number of jobs available for college graduates down by as much as 13 percent, many students must decide between the job market or graduate school.

Students came to the Psi Chi (Psychology Honor Society) seminar that took place on Feb. 27, where they learned how to further their education so they would not be part of the decline in job availability.

They covered many topics during the seminar such as how to prepare, select and the end result of applying for graduate school.

Maria Dintino, the associate director of the Aspire Program in Elliot Center, and Bonnie Kaufman, a senior and vice president of Psi Chi, led this event.

"The reason I wanted to come and speak at this seminar today is because it is Aspire Program's mission to raise the enrollment in graduate school. I am always interested to help students all that I can," said Dintino.

"Psi Chi plans these kinds of events. We thought this would be helpful. I believe that the number one reason people won't go to graduate school is that they don't know what they need to do to get there," said Kaufman.

"Also, they think it will be a financial burden. Many don't know about fel-

lowships and other financial assistance."

According to Job Lifestyles Magazine, "About 88 percent of the nation's college freshmen indicated in a recent survey that they plan to go to graduate or professional school, yet only about 24 percent do so within a year of completing their bachelor's degree."

One of the students' main concerns at the seminar was that with drastic economic decline, the amount of financial aid available, because it is hard to find the right price.

Students at this seminar learned about a fellowship. Each student listened and learned intently

on this topic. If an individual looks hard enough, people don't have to pay for graduate school.

"I try not to think about not being able to afford graduate school. I know it will be hard, but the same economic turmoil makes me think the further I go, the more likely I'll be able to find a job. Also, more specific studies interest me," said junior Kristin Mount.

According to the Princeton Review, "It's possible to land a job easily after earning an advanced degree and still struggling to pay back your loans. It's also possible to complete a graduate program with no debt and still have trouble finding work. Many people would find each of these scenarios unacceptable. Investigate these practical issues so that you don't find yourself confronted with an ugly situation when school is over."

Dintino and Kaufman stressed the issue of the G.R.E., known also as the graduate record examination. This is a general test to see how much knowledge you have acquired. If you need assistance, the Math Center could help for free.

There are certain courses an individual can take at the University of New Hampshire, in Durham, such as the G.R.E. prep course, which is through the Princeton Review. You first have to pay \$999.

"I was glad a lot of people came and asked questions. Deciding whether or not to go to graduate school is an important decision. People need to be informed about the process, and how to make it happen," said Kaufman.

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The women take over the campus and classrooms

By Kerry Keleghan and Anna Super
Contributing Reporter

Look out women, you might need a search party to find men on this campus because they are few and hard to come by, according to recent polls.

Out of the 5,167 current undergraduates at KSC, only 2,182 or 42 percent, are male. That leaves 16 percent of the female population without possible mates.

Over the past decade, though, this percentage has not shown much change. Keene State has tended to maintain a 60-40 female-to-male split.

Plymouth State College, on the other hand, has an enrollment of 3,500 undergraduate students and has a roughly 50-50 male to female ratio.

According to Keene State's 2002 Factbook, the past 10 years have seen little to no change in the gender breakdown of the college. The Factbook did not provide information for years prior to 1992.

In 2002, the graduating senior class was 61.2 percent female, and only 38.8 percent male. That year, the junior class consisted of 59.7 percent

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hoping to obtain a bachelor of arts degree in communication. Out of these students, 29.8 percent were male and 70.2 percent were female.

One hundred and fifteen students declared chemistry as their major. Eighty percent of these students were male.

Out of these six majors, half of them contained a substantially higher percentage of females than males.

Two of the majors, safety and chemistry, contained rather large percentages of males. The remaining major, management, did have more men than women but only around 10 percent.

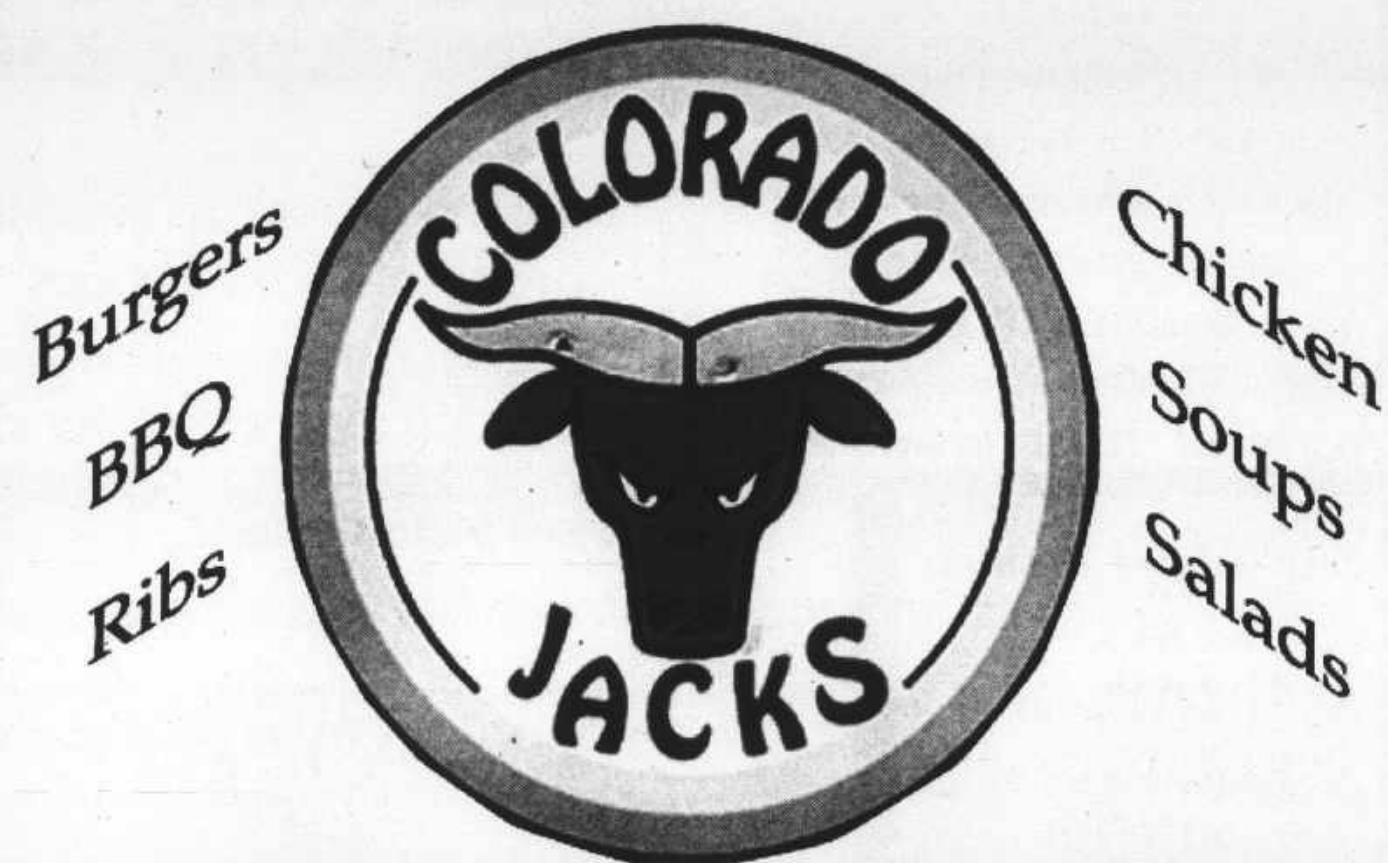
So, if meeting guys in class is your goal, then maybe you should reconsider your choice of major. After all, how hard could safety be?

As for the other majors offered at the college, women tend to out represent men in most of them.

"Our biggest majors tend to be predominantly female majors," said Heather Jasmin, assistant to the director of institutional research.

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Dieting the health conscious way

By Shaina Harlow and Jennifer Hemming
Staff Reporters



Top: Ethan Lovell takes a break from his job at the Exchange Office to eat a healthy apple for a snack.

Bottom: Weight Watchers has a weight loss program that helps count your calories each week.

If you are thinking about losing weight, cutting carbohydrates out of your diet is not the answer. Eating the right amount of carbohydrates is an essential part to a healthy, balanced diet. But for some reason, some people seem to think carbohydrates are our enemies, when they can actually be our friends.

You may have heard of the Atkins diet, which is the diet that eliminates all carbohydrates from what you eat in the course of a day. It is a popular and glamorized diet, promising things such as fast weight loss.

According to <http://atkinscenter.com>, the Atkins diet "rebalances your nutrition so that you improve your energy level, and your appearance, and gain a sense of well-being, following this approach lays the groundwork for a lifetime of better health."

Rebecca Hunt, the registered dietitian at the Zorn Dining Commons nutrition center at Keene State College, promotes carbohydrates and does not recommend the Atkins diet.

"Don't do it," said Hunt. "But if you absolutely need to lose weight fast, then these high protein, low carbohydrate diets will help. I can't recommend that a person stay on them for a long time. They are not a

healthy eating plan."

Like it or not, you can't get rid of carbohydrates in the world. Carbohydrates are a primary source of energy for the body, and you should eat at least six to 11 servings of carbohydrates each day.

"We need carbohydrates mostly for the energy they provide," said Hunt. "Ever try running a car without fueling up first?"

Carbohydrates give us the energy we need to keep ourselves running. But what exactly is a carbohydrate?

"A carbohydrate is an organic substance that is found in foods and the human body," said Hunt. "It has many roles as far as human nutrition is concerned, but it is primarily a source of energy for the body."

People associate carbohydrates with bread, bagels, and pasta the most. Technically, carbohydrates are in most of everything we eat.

"All of the food guide pyramid food groups contain carbohydrates," said Hunt. "Dairy products contain milk sugar. Fruits and vegetables contain sugars, starch and lots of fiber. The grain group foods contain starches, and if you eat whole grains, fiber. The fats, oils and sweets group obviously contains carbohydrates, usually in the form of simple sugars."

Fiber is a complex carbohydrate, and fiber is one of the best things for you. You don't

get energy from it, but it's important in your diet.

"The recommendation is a minimum of 25 grams of fiber a day," said Hunt.

"Fiber is found in whole grains, vegetables, fruits, nuts and legumes. In addition to not getting any calories from it, it may actually help pull dietary cholesterol and fats from other foods we eat out of our bodies, when we excrete waste products," said Hunt.

"It also makes you feel fuller longer because the water that is absorbed takes up space in your stomach. A diet containing adequate fiber may help some people lose weight because they don't feel so hungry and eat too much," said Hunt.

Junior Sarah Conte has learned that carbohydrates play a big part in a healthy diet.

"While eating carbohydrates, you increase your intake of fiber which is good for your body and keep your body regular," she said.

Carbohydrates can be found in all sorts of foods, yet people are so afraid of them. Immediately the word "fat" is associated with the word "carbohydrate" and therefore eliminating them from your diet is the best way to lose some excess weight. But why is that?

"It's mostly because of media hype," said Hunt. "People are easily swayed by what they hear in the news or read in popular diet books. Nutrition is a

science. It is based on what we have to come to understand as fact. The problem is that nutrition is a very young science and we are still learning a lot about the human body. When new research comes out, it is very easy to make assumptions or change our minds about things we think we know a lot about, but the scientific process is very slow and it often takes years, or even decades, to determine fact."

Conte agrees that fit or fad diets are clear of carbohydrate-lacking diets. Another way some people have found to control what kinds of foods they eat daily is the Weight Watchers program. Tammy Martel has been enrolled in the Weight Watchers program for over two years now, and said to have found it to be an enormous success.

"I am on the points program where everything that I eat is calculated by counting the points I allow into my body per day. I still get to eat the foods that I want, I just have to pick and choose what other foods to mix them with," said Martel.

"Vegetables are zero points so I don't have to worry about gaining weight from eating as many carrots as I want in a day. This program has really gotten me into vegetables," said Martel.

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KSC literary magazine on the brink of extinction

By Emily Andreozzi
Staff Reporter

The revival of the Keene State Literary Magazine came about seven years ago, and now faces the chance of dying out once again, if new members don't join the group soon.

Members of the KSC Literary Magazine are striving to get the works of students, whether poetry or artwork, distributed through the campus. They would like to keep the magazine running for years to come.

The KSC Literary Magazine is a collection that consists of poetry, black and white art, photographs and short stories. The work is submitted by students over a period of time.

"Our main goal in this group is to showcase students' writings and works, and give them the experience of being published," stated Amanda Irwin, a senior, who has been a member of the KSC Literary Magazine for three years.

The members of the student run organization spend their time collecting submissions and putting them into place to properly distribute the final magazine in April.

The final piece can be found at several locations throughout campus and is free to pick up. The many submissions to the magazine contribute to its size of around 50 pages.

There are currently five student members, and an advisor, Kirsti Sandy, who work at putting together the magazine. The group is currently in its seventh year since the revival of the magazine from years ago.

A main concern that the members have is that if more students do not join in helping to put the magazine together, then the group will die out once



The cover of last year's KSC Literary Magazine.

again. "Once the members we have now graduate, the group will no longer exist unless we get some new students involved," said Irwin.

She also stated that the distribution of the magazine in April has gotten good feedback in the past, yet the poetry slams that are held in November and April seem to be getting less popular.

"We're just hoping that we can get more people involved in trying to put this together and get it distributed to the students on campus," Irwin said.

Students on campus have either heard of the magazine through others, or by seeing it on news stands, or have no clue that it exists.

"Another student in my English class explained to everyone what it was about, and encouraged us to submit things," said freshman Katie Deans.

Deans also added that the

idea of the magazine is good, and that she would "pick it up and read it...I find it interesting."

Sophomore Ashley Geiger had never heard of the magazine, but said, "If it's something that students are interested in, then I hope they can keep the group running."

Jenny Holmes, a sophomore, mentioned that she had never heard of the magazine either.

"I might pick it up if I saw it and flip through it, but I'm not really a big art person," she said.

The members of the magazine are accepting submissions starting now until March 14. If there is anyone interested in submitting a piece of work, or becoming more involved with the KSC Literary Magazine, please contact the group President Emily Holland through the Keene State directory system, or email ksclitmag@yahoo.com.

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Students strike for peace



(From left to right) Jamie McGuigan, a freshman, Eliza Sieswerda, a junior, and Danielle Atherton, a senior, hold signs last Wednesday at "Books Not Bombs" in protest of the proposed war with Iraq.

KSC students, community members protest political actions

By Mike Lenz
Staff Reporter

The signs said it all: "No war in Iraq," "Terrorism will not stop terror," "Murdering out of fear isn't defense."

For people like local shop owner Mark Lathrop, the protest was an opportunity to show that many Americans do not support a war in Iraq and that President Bush wants war for the wrong reasons.

"I am here because I do not support the war and since this is a national event, I think being here will send a very strong message to those in power that what they are doing is wrong. We are trying to rid Saddam Hussein of weapons of mass destruction that we supplied him with. Unfortunately, we are going to go to war for the wrong reasons and that is why we are all here today. The Bush

Administration, an organizer of the "Books Not Bombs" campaign, explained that the point of the event was to make the Bush Administration rethink its plan.

"We hope that in showing dismay for this war, the Bush Administration will rethink their plan for war. We want the administration to bring our

troops home and end the terrorism that we cause in Iraq and the nations that we oppress," said Broshnan.

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Freshman Chris Garofolo stood waving the American flag at last Wednesday's protest in the center of Keene.

Administration is going to do whatever they want, regardless of public opinion. They are only concerned about imperialism," said Lathrop.

April Kelley, a senior and one of the protesters held up a sign that read, "Money for schools not bombs," had the same feelings as Lathrop.

"I'm here because I hope the war can be stopped. The only way the Bush Administration will realize they are doing wrong is if people speak out. The president is taking our rights away when he ignores our opinions. The point of participating in this protest is to be heard. This is a democracy and our own president should listen to us," Kelley said.

Protesters gathered all around the bandstand in the middle of downtown Keene and cheered loudly from 11 a.m. until 12:30. Rachael Roberts, a KHS junior, explained that she was there to show that young people could make a difference, and that people should be informed about the damage that our nation inflicts on our countries.

"I think high school and college students can make a difference. The threat of war should be something that every young person cares about. I think people are afraid to speak out against the president and his policies. People fail to understand that we hurt other nations. Iraq should be free to do what they want. You don't see other nations trying to force a regime change on us," said Roberts.

KSC freshmen Seth Mellen and Laura Friedrich explained why they took part in the protest.

"I came out because I don't believe that a war in Iraq is justifiable. I think to attack a country preemptively is wrong. I am

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Faculty, community members teach students dangers of war

By Nick Archer
Staff Reporter

A group of 70 students, activists, and academics gathered in the Mabel Brown Room for a panel discussion on just war, war objectives, The Patriot Act and the effectiveness of anti-war protests Wednesday night.

Surrounded with protest posters containing slogans such as "Oil and blood don't mix," and depictions of the American flag with an oil drop instead of stars, the panel discussion was the culmination of the "Books Not Bombs" student strike.

It began earlier in the day, with various presentations and a rally in downtown Keene.

Political science professor

Chuck Weed kicked off the panel with a presentation on the principles of "just war."

One of the principles Weed said was necessary for a just war was that the war must be a "last resort" to solving a problem, where no other alternative exists.

"If you doubled the number of UN inspectors in Iraq today...it would cost about \$80 million a year, the best estimate of the war if we decide to wage it will be \$200 billion," Weed said.

He said that the difference \$80 million for inspectors versus \$200 million for a war was an alternative that had not been demonstrated to the world.

"You've heard Mr. Bush say



From left to right: Chuck Weed, KSC political science professor, Irene Herald, director of the Mason Library, Wes Martin, political science professor, and Robert Riversong, an independent film maker and political activist.